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On 4 May 1954 at 1340 hours, four formations of three yellow-brown colored swept-back jet fighters each crossed over the Constanta harbor toward the Black Sea, coming from the west.

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It appeared that the airfield from which the aircraft had taken off was located a small distance west of the harbor since the aircraft apparently climbed at a steep angle after the take-off and disappeared from view at an altitude of about 3,000 meters. The view to the west was obstructed by the high and steep bank of the harbor. While crossing over the harbor area the aircraft flew at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. The distance between the individual formations was 150 to 200 meters. There was a distance of 10 to 15 aircraft lengths between the individual aircraft in the V-formations. The interval differed from the distance. There was a 0/10 overcast and light easterly wind.

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Comment: It has been assumed so far that no jet fighter units are located in the Constanta area. It is possible that in connection with exercises in the coastal area, elements of fighter units of the Rumanian Air Force were temporarily transferred to such airfields in the Constanta area which, with regard to their terrain and length, are suitable for jet aircraft. Airfields in Austria without hard surface runways are used by jet aircraft.

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